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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
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1 9 BERRY, GAYMAN, WENTHE, DAVITT, ANDERSON,
1 10 TJEPKES, and KAUFMANN
1 11 A Resolution urging immediate action to stop the
1 12 campaign of racial extermination against the
1 13 ethnically distinct Black African population of
1 14 Darfur.
1 15 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives is committed
1 16 to justice and the protection of innocent civilians
1 17 everywhere; and
1 18 WHEREAS, past reports have indicated that the armed
1 19 forces of the government of Sudan, along with
1 20 government-supported militias, have committed numerous
1 21 systematic attacks against the civilian populations of
1 22 the African Fur, Masaalit, and Zaghawa ethnic groups
1 23 in the Darfur region; and
1 24 WHEREAS, the attacks have included massacres, rape,
1 25 and indiscriminate aerial bombardments that have
1 26 killed thousands, displaced countless others, and
1 27 destroyed villages, food stocks, and other supplies
1 28 essential to the civilian population; and
1 29 WHEREAS, the government of Sudan has reportedly
1 30 failed to take any immediate steps to stop these
2 1 attacks, reverse the ethnic cleansing, and provide the
2 2 necessary protection and assistance to the millions of
2 3 displaced civilians; and
2 4 WHEREAS, according to a report issued by the United
2 5 Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human
2 6 Rights, the horrific attacks committed against
2 7 civilian populations in the Darfur region of Sudan may
2 8 constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity; and
2 9 WHEREAS, among the recommendations found in the
2 10 report is a call for the government of Sudan to
2 11 publicly and unequivocally condemn all actions and
2 12 crimes committed by the Janjaweed militias and ensure
2 13 that all militias are immediately disarmed and
2 14 disbanded; and
2 15 WHEREAS, the report also urges full and unimpeded
2 16 access for humanitarian workers in order to ensure the
2 17 delivery of much needed humanitarian assistance to the
2 18 Darfur region; NOW THEREFORE,
2 19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 20 That the Iowa House of Representatives urges the
2 21 United States Congress to take immediate action to
2 22 stop the campaign of racial extermination against the
2 23 ethnically distinct Black African population of
2 24 Darfur, and to strongly denounce the actions of the
2 25 Sudanese government in connection with this crime; and
2 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of
2 27 this Resolution shall be sent to George W. Bush,
2 28 President of the United States, to members of Iowa's
2 29 congressional delegation, and to the President of the
2 30 United States Senate and the Speaker of the United
3 1 States House of Representatives.
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